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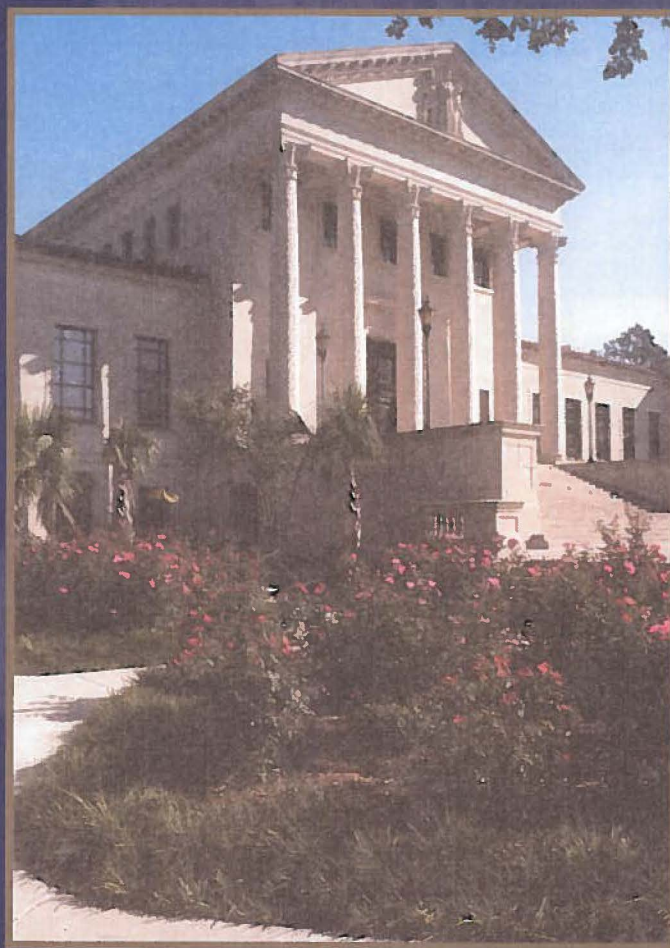
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2011 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



JOEL I. KLEIN



JOEL I. KLEIN is a lawyer who truly has made a difference. As the former Chancellor of the New York City Public Schools, he led efforts to bring greater accountability to the system and pushed for transformational reforms to fix the city's ailing urban schools. He often spoke of education as a basic civil right for the city's children. When Mr. Klein took on Microsoft Corporation as the nation's leading antitrust lawyer during President Bill Clinton's administration, he successfully challenged the restrictive business practices of the computer and software giant, winning a victory in that landmark case. His diverse and distinguished career exemplifies his life's mission to improve the lot of his fellow citizens.



In January 2011, Mr. Klein became the CEO of the Educational Division and Executive Vice President at News Corporation, one of the world's largest media corporations. He is a former Chairman and CEO of Bertelsmann, Inc., a leading media company.

Early in his legal career, Mr. Klein clerked for United States Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell and also for Chief Judge David Bazelon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He entered private practice in Washington, D.C., focusing on the Supreme Court and appellate litigation.

Mr. Klein served as Deputy White House Counsel to President Clinton from 1993-1995. Mr. Klein entered the Clinton administration after 20 years of public and private legal work in Washington, D.C. He was later named Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice where he served until September 2000.

Mr. Klein was appointed Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education by Mayor Michael Bloomberg in 2002, and he began his efforts to transform a system of over 1,600 schools with 1.1 million students, 136,000 employees and a \$22 billion budget. He launched *Children First*, a comprehensive reform strategy that brought coherence and capacity to the system and resulted in significant increases in student performance.

He received his B.A. from Columbia University, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1967, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1971, again graduating *magna cum laude*. He has received honorary degrees from Columbia University, Duke University, Amherst College, Manhattanville College, Georgetown Law Center, Fordham Law School, New York Law School, and St. John's School of Education. He received the Lewis Rudin Award for Exemplary Service to New York City from New York University for his work as Chancellor.

Mr. Klein grew up in New York City, and he attended New York City's public schools.

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The Order of the Coif is a national honorary law fraternity. The Louisiana chapter was established in 1942, and its purpose is to stimulate scholarly work of the highest order and to foster and promote a high standard of professional conduct. Each year, the local chapter elects to membership from the highest ten percent of the senior class, those students who are deemed qualified.

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In addition to *The Order of the Coif*, Juris Doctor and Graduate Diploma in Civil Law or Graduate Diploma Comparative Law candidates may receive their degrees *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *cum laude*. Degrees are awarded *summa cum laude* to students who rank in the top two percent of the graduating class; *magna cum laude*, to the next ten percent of the graduating class; and *cum laude*, to students in the next thirteen percent of the graduating class or the top twenty-five percent of the class. The determination for these designations also is based on class rank.

Students graduating with these honors are recognized at Commencement by wearing honor cords. Students graduating *summa cum laude* wear two gold and two purple cords. Those graduating *magna cum laude* wear two gold cords; *cum laude* graduates wear two purple cords. The preliminary list of students graduating with honors is included below.

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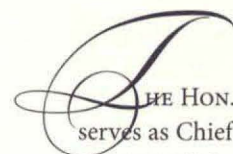
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THE HON. RALPH E. TYSON obtained his Juris Doctor from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1973. He currently serves as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. Tyson has devoted more than 30 years of his career to exemplary public service – as prosecutor, state court judge, and federal district judge, and has, at every step of the way, gained the respect and admiration of his peers. He was named the *Distinguished Alumnus of the Year* by the LSU Law Center in 2009.

In 1998, former President Bill Clinton nominated Tyson to a new judgeship in the U.S. District Court, making him the first African American judge in the Federal Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. In 2005, he became Chief Judge of the Federal Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Prior to his service in the Federal Courts, Tyson was employed as special counsel and assistant attorney general in the Louisiana Department of Justice; Assistant District Attorney for East Baton Rouge Parish; and Chief City Prosecutor for the City of Baton Rouge. He was also engaged in private law practice for more than 15 years, first with the firm of Pitcher and Tyson and later with the firm of Tyson, Avery & Cunningham.

In 1988, Tyson was elected to a vacant seat in Division B of the Baton Rouge City Court, where he presided for more than five years. Subsequently, he was elected without opposition to Division B of the 19th Judicial District Court, where he presided over misdemeanor and felony criminal trials. From July 1997 to June 1998, Tyson served as the Chief Criminal Judge of the 19th Judicial District Court. He also served as Judge Pro Tempore on the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal, by special appointment of the Louisiana Supreme Court from May 1997 to October 1997.

Tyson has also taught as an adjunct law professor at LSU Law and an instructor in the Sociology/Law Enforcement Department at Southern University.

He is married to the former Patricia Jordan, and they have four children – Chris, Todd, Eric, and Cara.

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STAR SPANGLED BANNER

By Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Words by Katharine Lee Bates

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

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